

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Michael Marion on 04/08/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 5, "claim 1" has been changed to --claim 2--.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: None of the prior art teaches the system for suppressing audio distortion comprising, in part, the mirrored circuit arrangement having components that are at least partly mirrored relative to the echo cancelling means and the filter arrangement wherein the mirrored circuit arrangement is being configured to create and to copy simulated audio distortion representative filter coefficient values into the filter coefficients of the filter arrangement, and wherein the simulated audio distortion representative filter coefficient values represent correlation properties of reverberant tail parts of reverberation type audio distortion of a given sound field where the copies coefficient values are further for use by the filter arrangement in suppressing reverberation type audio distortion in the given sound field.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hai Phan whose telephone number is (571) 272-6338. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (9:00AM-5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on 571-272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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